

Obviously, numerous modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings. The invention may be practiced as a stand-alone policy or as a rider to a different type of policy. Variations to the specific benefits, the monetary amounts of benefits, and the cost of coverage for benefits, varied based upon economic, actuarial, medical and market criteria, are possible in accordance with the invention. Accordingly, it is understood that other embodiments of the invention are possible in the light of the above teachings.

CLAIMS:

1.A method of underwriting a children's insurance policy, comprising:

- a. at least one payment of a premium made on behalf of a covered insured to an underwriter;
- b. the underwriter issuing an insurance policy, wherein if a disabling event befalls a covered insured, the underwriter shall issue at least one benefit to the covered insured.

3.The method of claim 1 wherein the covered insured is a minor.

4.The method of claim 1 wherein the covered insured becoming functionally disabled constitutes a disabling event.

5.The method of claim 1 wherein the covered insured becoming presumptively disabled constitutes a disabling event.

- 6.The method of claim 1 wherein the benefit to the covered insured includes a monetary stipend, if a disability befalls the covered insured.
- 7.The method of claim 1 wherein the benefit to the covered insured includes a monetary stipend for the cost of nursing home care for the covered insured, if a disability of the covered insured necessitates such care.
- 8.The method of claim 1 wherein the benefit to the covered insured includes a monetary stipend for the cost of home health care for the covered insured, if a disability of the covered insured necessitates such care.
- 9.The method of claim 7 wherein the monetary stipend is paid for a predetermined period of time.
- 10.The method of claim 1 wherein the benefit to the covered insured includes a monetary stipend for the cost of home tutoring of the covered insured, if a disability of the covered insured necessitates such care.
- 11.The method of claim 1 wherein the benefit to the covered insured includes a monetary stipend for the cost of training an individual to act as a caregiver for the covered insured in the covered insured's home.
- 12.The method of claim 10 wherein the monetary stipend may not exceed a predetermined amount.

13. The method of claim 1 wherein the benefit to the covered insured includes a monetary stipend for the cost of supportive equipment for the covered insured, if a disability of the covered insured necessitates such equipment.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein the monetary stipend may not exceed a predetermined amount.

15. The method of claim 1 wherein the benefit to the covered insured includes a monetary stipend for the cost of a major disabling event, is such a disabling event befalls the covered insured.

16. The method of claim 14 wherein the covered insured having a major organ transplant constitutes a major disabling event.

17. The method of claim 14 wherein the monetary stipend may not exceed a predetermined amount.

18. The method of claim 14 wherein the monetary stipend may only be paid to the covered insured one time.

19. The method of claim 1 wherein the benefit to the covered insured includes a second monetary stipend if the covered insured has received the monthly stipend for a disability having befallen the covered insured, if the covered insured returns to school.

20. The method of claim 1 wherein the benefit to the covered insured includes a second monetary stipend if the covered insured has received the monthly stipend for a disability having befallen the covered insured, if the covered insured returns to employment.
21. The method of claim 1 wherein the underwriter may not cancel the policy while the at least one premium payment is renewed on behalf of the covered insured.
22. The method of claim 1 wherein the policy is available to a covered insured between the ages of 6 months and 18 years.
23. The method of claim 21 wherein the policy may be extended until the covered insured reaches the age of 65.
24. The method of claim 1 wherein a lifetime elimination period must be satisfied before the underwriter must issue a benefit to the covered insured.
25. The method of claim 1 wherein the underwriter may reduce benefits by the amount of any social insurance benefits paid to the covered insured.
26. The method of claim 1 wherein the underwriter shall not pay benefits if the covered insured has a pre-existing condition that is not disclosed to the underwriter at the policy is underwritten.

27. A children's insurance policy, the payment of at least a benefit by an underwriter to a covered insured when a disabling event befalls a covered insured and at least one payment of a premium is made on behalf of the covered insured.